மாகத் தெரிந்தால், அவர்கள் எல்லோரையும் ஒழித்துவிட்டு பூரா வியாபாரத்தையும் கோவாபரேடிவ் சொஸைட்டிகளிடம் ஒப்படைக்க யோசனை செய்வார்களா ? ”

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—“ There are not sufficient number of co-operative societies coming forward to take this up. Preference is given to the co-operative societies always.”

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—“ Sir, which rice is cheaper, the rice sold in the fair price shops or in the open market? ”

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—“ It goes on varying. Sometimes one is cheaper and at other times the open market rice is cheaper.”

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—“ Sir, in answer to sub-clause (*a*) of the main question, the Hon. Minister said that free market rice was also allowed to be sold by co-operative societies. Is this concession applicable to producer-*cum*-consumer co-operative societies in Malabar also? ”

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—“ Sir, Malabar is a peculiar land and I would like to have notice to answer that question.”

Ban on the drama “ Ayulthandanai ”.

* 146 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri A. Govindaswamy Nayagar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have banned the drama “ Ayulthandanai (Life sentence) ” written by M. R. Radha; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—“ (*a*) Yes, Sir.

“ (*b*) There is a prosecution pending and the matter is therefore *sub judice*.”

(The hon. Member Sri A. Ratnam stood up in his seat.)

MR. SPEAKER :—“ When the matter is *sub judice*, the hon. Member should not put supplementary questions.”

Disbursement of bonus to N.G.Os. not connected with the N.G.O.s' strike.

* 147 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the bonus granted to Non-Gazetted Officers was disbursed to those who did not participate in the Non-Gazetted Officers' strike that took place in the year 1947;

(*b*) if so, the number of Non-Gazetted Officers who were granted this bonus and the number to whom it was actually paid;

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(*c*) the total amount disbursed; and

(*d*) if not disbursed, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government believe that the bonus was duly disbursed to those eligible for it. The Government consider that the time and labour involved in the collection of more specific information in the matter will not be commensurate with any good purpose that may be served now after the lapse of so much time."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Sir, is it not fair on the part of a democratic Government to encourage non-gazetted officers who have not participated in the strike but have done loyal service to the Government and see that the bonus granted by the Government was disbursed to the persons who did not take part in the strike? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, this has reference to what happened in the year 1947. The Government then in existence would have taken into consideration all these and I am sure would have acted fairly."

Admission of students belonging to Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes into Government Arts Colleges.

* 148 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many students were admitted this year in the Government Arts Colleges in the Junior Classes;

(*b*) how many of them were Backward Community and Scheduled Caste students; and

(*c*) whether seats for Backward Community and Scheduled Caste students are reserved in aided colleges also like that in the Government Arts Colleges?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 4,227.

" (*b*) Backward class students—948.

Scheduled-caste students—139.

" (*c*) There is no reservation of seats as such for the Scheduled castes, Scheduled tribes and other Backward classes in the private colleges in receipt of aid from the Government; but the managements of the aided colleges and the Universities have been requested to extend their fullest co-operation in the matter of encouraging the higher education of the Scheduled castes, the Scheduled tribes and other Backward classes. Most of the managements are co-operating with the Government."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM:—" காலேஜுகள் ஆரம்ப காலத்தில் பல ஆயிரக் கணக்கான மாணவர்கள் அட்மிஷன் பெறவேண்டுமென்று நினைப்பவர்கள், தனிப்பட்ட காலேஜுகளில் அட்மிஷன் கிடைக்காமல் மிகவும் சிரமப்படுகிறார்கள். ஆனால் அவ்வாறு தனிப்பட்ட காலேஜுகளில் இடம் கிடைக்காமலும்